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Applicant: Hiroyuki SHIMIZU et al. Conf.: 7526

Appl. No.: 09/530,013 Group: 1651

Filed: April 24, 2000 Examiner: R. GITOMER

For: METHOD FOR INHIBITING THE DEGRADATION
OF BRAIN NATRIURETIC PEPTIDES IN A
SPECIMEN COMPRISING THE USE OF
CONTAINERS MADE OF OR COATED WITH
SILICONE OR PLASTICS

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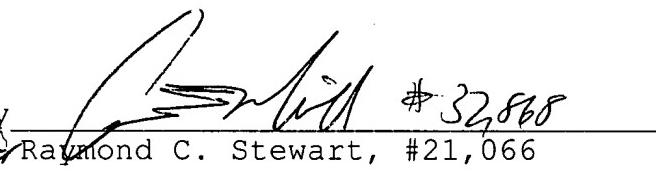
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REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated October 7, 2004, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.